

A Photographic History of the Smith Family

Volume 2

Valentine William Smith & Albert Jean Matelena

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Nº 1: Trenton to Hamilton

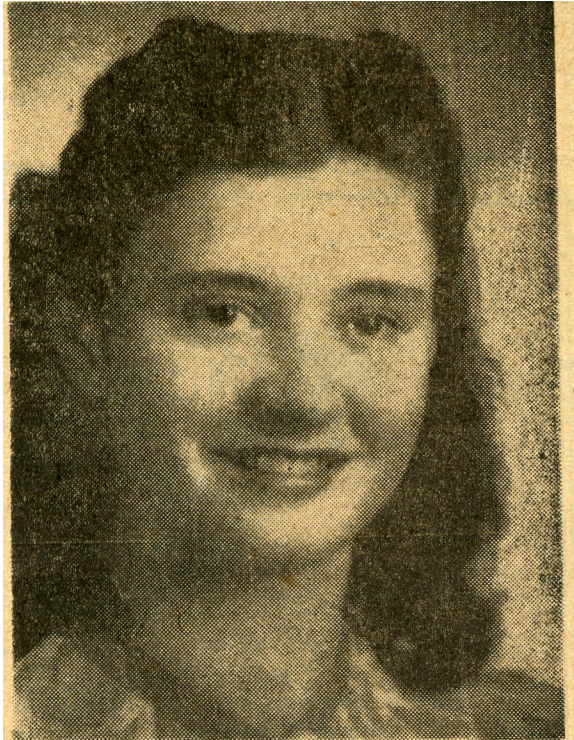
The photographs in this volume begin with a photograph from 1947, the year before Valentine and Alberta were married at Saint Mary's Cathedral on Warren Street in Trenton, New Jersey. Valentine, or Billy, as he was known, came from immigrant stock, His father hailed from the extreme northeast of the country of Hungary as it had just come into being after World War II. The small town of Hosszu-Laz had not changed in two hundred years – a single street lined with single-family homes with thatched roofs. A place he had never visited, nor would he. His father died in 1940, just before the war had planned his life for him. He couldn't know that, in another hundred years, Hosszu-Laz wouldn't change – the same homes with thatched roofs lined each side of the single street and, it has been said, members of his extended family still own and maintain the home his father knew though it has been unoccupied for many decades. His mother's family came from less than a hundred miles northwest, a little village named Spisska Stara Vez in the Slovak Republic, almost in Poland. And now he was to marry Alberta – her father being a first-generation American, born in Manhattan to Italian parents who never became citizens. On the other hand, her mother came from the the deepest European visitors to these shores – her Dutch-Arab great-grandfather several times over, arrived in 1629 and her English ancestor – the Southards, just as her own mother was named, Dorothy Ruth Southard – arrived in 1640. This volume is their lives as told in photographs.

By Dr. Brian A. Smith

1947



1948



Miss Alberta Jean Matelena

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Matelena of 328 Euclid Avenue, who is engaged to wed V. W. Smith, son of Mrs. Joseph J. Smith of 1237 South Broad Street. The wedding will take place in June.

June 19, 1948

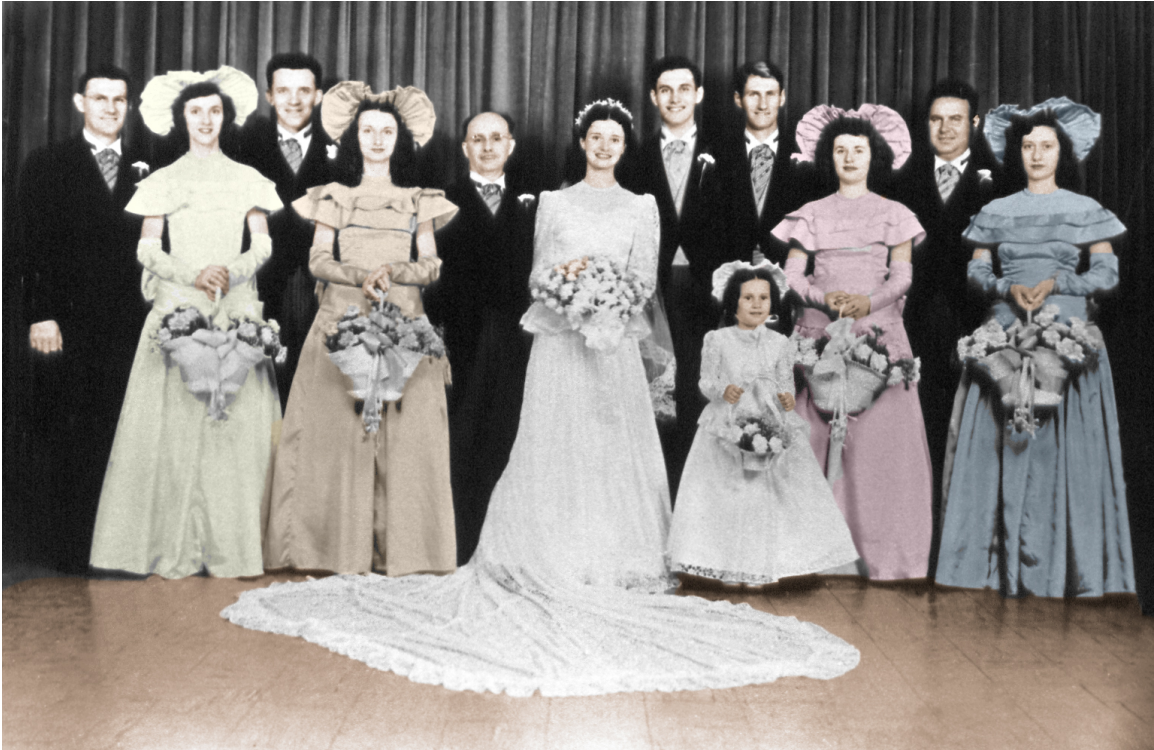






Maid of Honor: Dorothy Matelena

Best Man: John Smith



Left: Joseph Smith. Kathryn Smith (yellow), Pete Gurland, Dorothy Matelena (orange),
Center: Albert Matelena, Alberta Matelena, Valentine Smith,
Right: John Smith, Barbara Dupras, Michael Smith, Theresa Gavenda (pink) and Dolly
Furman (blue; both are cousins of the bride)



Mary, Joe, Helen, Valentine, Nana, Kathryn, Mike, Peggy, John, and Anne Smith



Dorothy Matelena (mother of the bride)



Kathryn Smith & Peggy Finnie

What's
going on
over there?



Parents of the bride & groom and flower girl
Barbara Dupras





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on the 19th day of June 19 48

*According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church and in
conformity with the laws of the State of New Jersey,*

Rev. William J. Campbell
officiating in the presence of John J. Smith
and Dorothy Matelena Witnesses, as appears
from the Marriage Register of this Church.

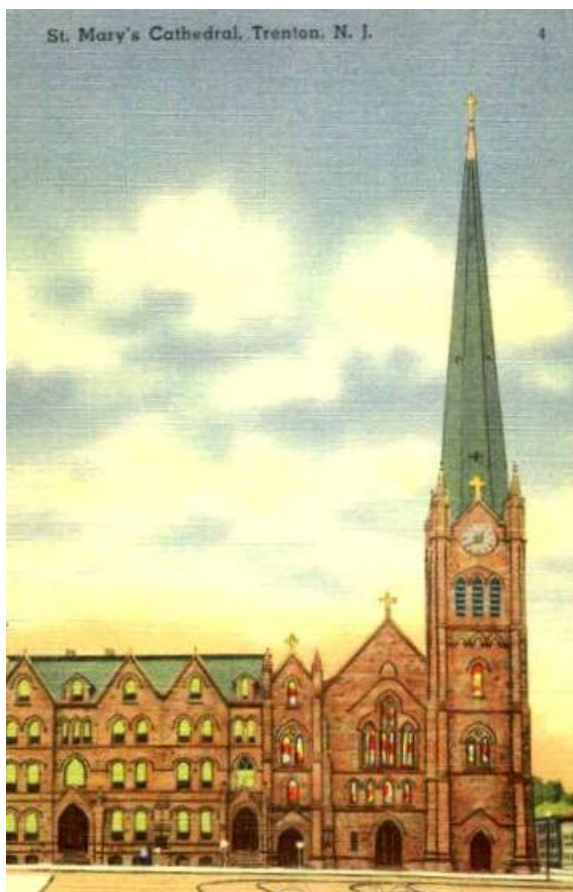
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Rev. Aaron M. Doudell, S.T.
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Aug. 1948

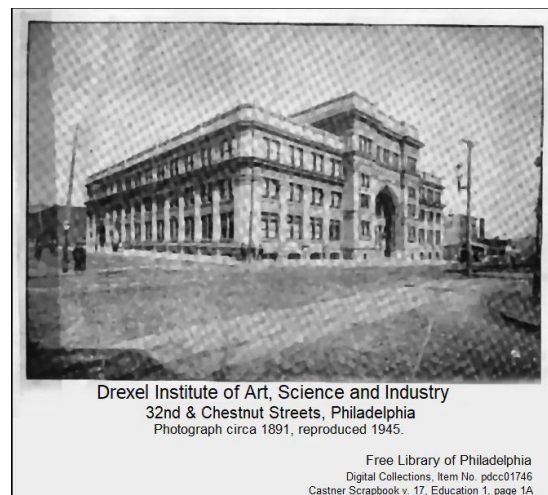
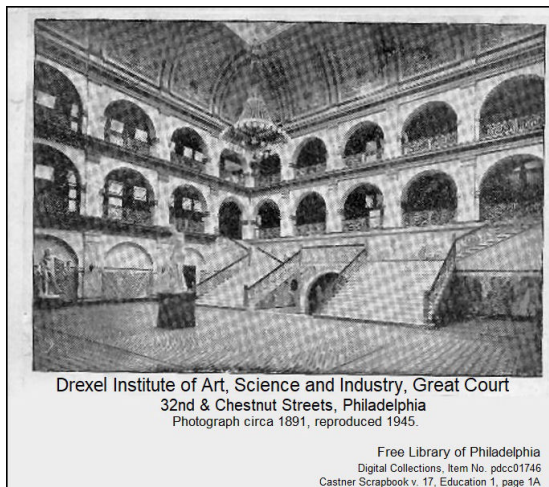
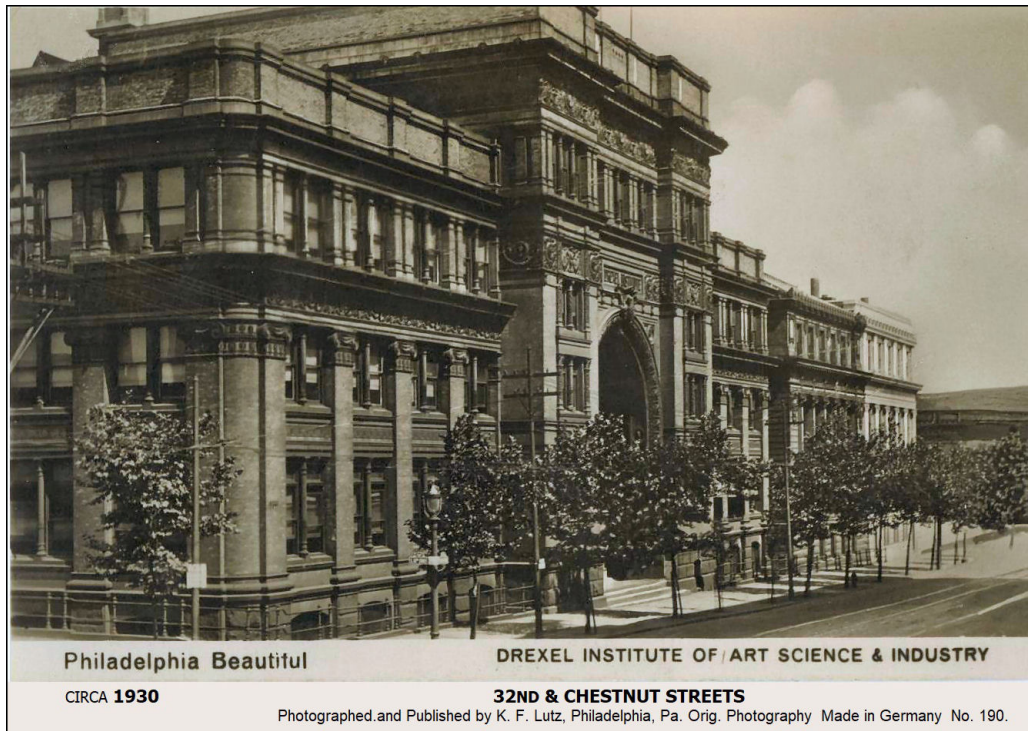


St. Mary's Cathedral

as it appeared in 1948



Billy studied electrical engineering at the Drexel Institute of Science & Technology
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Feb. 1952

William Craig Smith 4 months old. Born 8 October 1951 in St. Francis Hospital
 The very same day his cousin Faith Gurland was born – their mothers shared a room.





Valerie Jean, born Nov. 15, 1952

1953 Craig & Val at Aunt Anne's



1953: 2 & 1 years old



1954

Aunt Mary
Finnie

684
Independence
Avenue

Hamilton
Township

Sept. 1955: Aunt Anne's, Homcrest Avenue
with Nana, Johnny Smith, Craig & Val



Alberta with Johnny Smith & Lana



TRENTON SUNDAY TIMES-ADVERTISER, SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1956

Winners In Third Week Of Times-Advertiser



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CLASS A — A youngster playing at the beach provided an excellent subject for Val W. Smith of 684 Independence Avenue, Trenton 10, who is winner of the \$5 award in Class A in the third week of the Sunday Times-Advertiser Amateur Snapshot Contest. Remember that it's the action pictures, those which tell a story and show the subject doing something interesting, that the judges look for when they select the prize-winners. Judges Joseph G. Danley, Frank Bailey and Leonard Leighton urge you to keep busy snapping those pictures. Yours might well be the one they select before the Times-Advertiser Contest ends on Sunday, August 19.



CLASS B — John J. Done B in this week's Times-A Summer at various vacati prize-winning pictures. C fication which for some r prevails in similar contes her's fine





Robert Joseph, born Jan. 19, 1955 1956

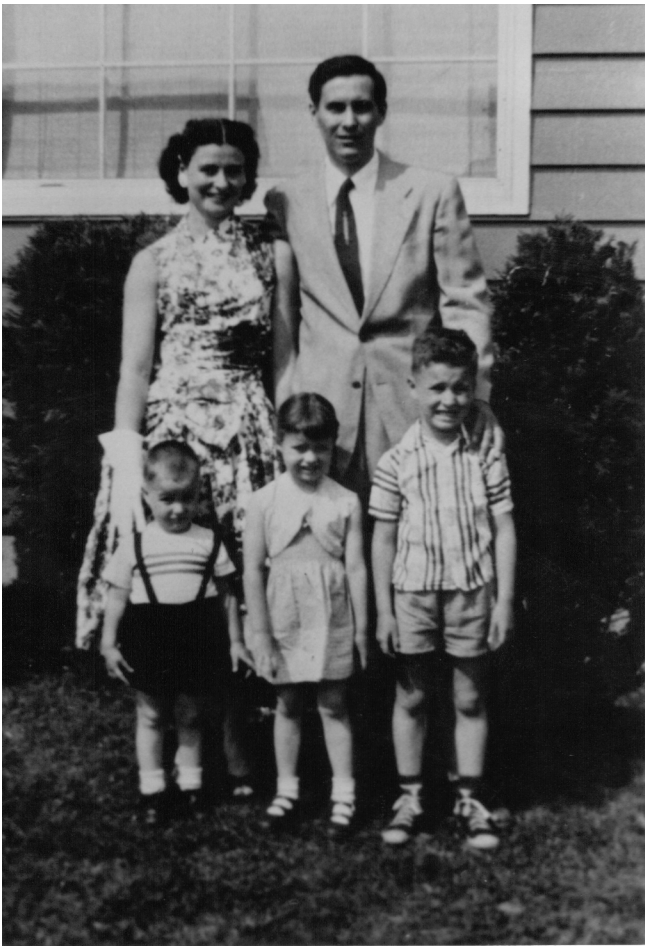
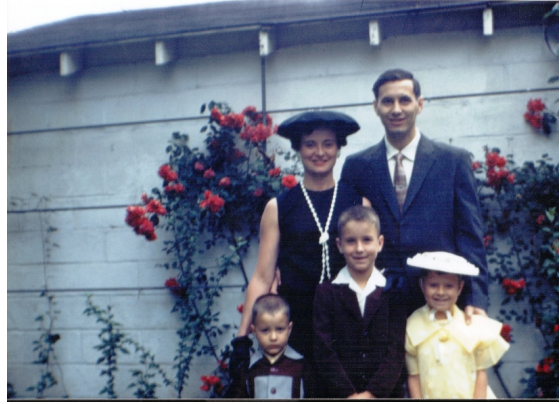


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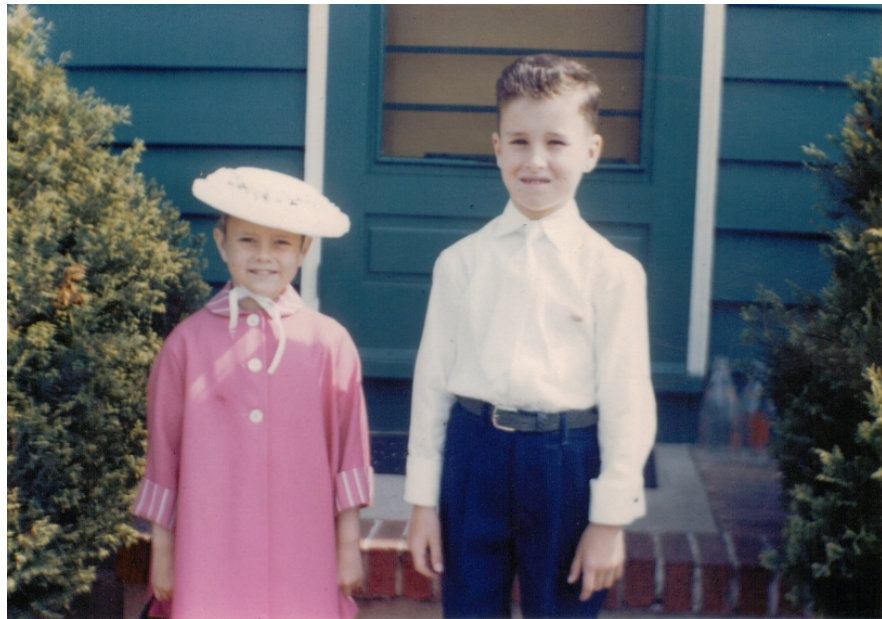
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1958



Easter 1958





Aug. 9, 1959 Brian Albert
McKinley Hospital, Trenton



Aug. 1959 Baptism
Uncle Pete & Aunt Peg godparents



49-star flag: July 4, 1959 – July 3, 1960



White Township Public Group
and History Collection

St. Raphael's Church at White Horse

1935